

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 828 - SB 978

March 15, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005849): Requires all polling places to post a sign on primary election days that notifies voters that it is a punishable crime to vote in a political party's primary without being a bona fide member of or declaring affiliation to that party.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase Local Expenditures – \$2,000/FY23-24*

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, all signs must be a minimum size of 8.5" x 11", with a yellow background and bold, black text.
- The total cost to print and laminate one of these signs is estimated to be \$1.
- There are approximately 2,000 voting precincts in Tennessee; therefore, there will be an estimated mandatory increase in local expenditures of \$2,000 (\$1 x 2,000) in FY23-24.
- It is assumed that the signs will be reused, and will therefore not need to be reprinted each election.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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